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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR TEST WORRIES PORTUGUESE

REF: A. STATE 169418

[1](#)B. STATE 169269

[1](#)1. The Government of Portugal (GOP) shares U.S. Government concerns regarding North Korea's nuclear ambitions (Refs A and B). On October 9, the Portuguese Ministry for Foreign Affairs issued its own statement to express the GOP's apprehension over North Korea's announced experimental detonation of a nuclear device. The statement characterized North Korea's action as "irresponsible and unacceptable," noting that it constituted a serious challenge to the United Nations, particularly in regard to UNSC Resolution 1695.

[1](#)2. The statement further noted that the GOP stands by the statement of the Presidency of the European Union, which offered support to all United Nations efforts to bring North Korea into compliance regarding the immediate and unconditional suspension of its nuclear testing and engineering activities.

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